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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Invites Public Comments on

PEER-TO-PEER VIOLENCE AND BULLYING: EXAMINING THE FEDERAL RESPONSE

WASHINGTON, D.C—The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights invites the public to submit comments on its briefing in connection with its 2011 statutory enforcement report, *Peer-to-Peer Violence and Bullying: Examining the Federal Response*, held on Friday, May 13, 2011 at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center, Grand Ballroom, 775 12th St., NW, Washington, DC 20005. The briefing was videotaped by C-Span and is available for viewing on its website.

Speakers included Russlyn Ali, ED; Jocelyn Samuels, DOJ; Eliza Byard, GLSEN; Roger Clegg, CEO; John Eastman, Chapman Univ.; Fatima Goss Graves, National Women's Law Center; Gregory Herek, UC Davis; Ilan Meyer, Columbia; Hiram Sasser, Liberty Inst.; Stuart Buck, U. Arkansas; Paula Goldberg, PACER Center; Helen Gym, Asian Americans United; Kenneth Marcus, Inst. For Jewish & Community Research; Hilary Shelton, NAACP; Rajdeep Singh, Sikh Coalition; Tammy Aaberg, parent advocate; Deborah Lauter, ADL; Francisco Negron, National School Boards Assoc.; Ken Trump, Natl. School Safety and Security Services; and Eugene Volokh, UCLA Law.

The public may submit comments by email to <u>publiccomments@usccr.gov</u> by COB May 27, 2011.

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